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Letter dated 28 April 2000 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 18 April 2000 (S/2000/334) to me concerning the possibility of creating — in reference to paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000 — a panel of experts to undertake a preliminary investigation into reports of the illegal exploitation of natural resources and other forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including in violation of the sovereignty of that country, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. Members of the Council also note the letter dated 26 April 2000 (S/2000/350) from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to me on this issue. Members of the Council are giving full and active consideration to the creation of such an expert group and intend to take a decision on this matter expeditiously, taking into account, *inter alia*, the conclusions of the Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(*Signed*) Robert R. **Fowler**
President of the Security Council

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